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Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Daylight Savings : March 8, 2009



FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS - The Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program, in partnership with Eastern Montgomery Regional Services, continues to provide **free Legal Advice Consultations** for low income residents the first and second Thursdays of each month. **Upcoming clinics will be held on March 5 and March 12, from 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** A client intake is completed within the first half-hour. For more information, call the Pro Bono Program Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (301) 424-7651 or (301) 424-7652 or (301) 424-7633. For directions call 240-777-8400

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Topics of Interest

- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center



The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med. For questions, call TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

**Montgomery County Police
3rd Dist. Police - Silver Spring
801 Sligo Avenue,
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Tel #(301) 565-7740**

*"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in giving" -----
Mother Teresa*

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ISSUES AFFECTING MINORITIES

The National Council of Negro Women is hosting a panel discussion on **"Legislative Issues Impacting Minority Families"** led by Delegates Anne Kaiser, Karen Montgomery and Herman Taylor and moderated by Mrs. Catherine Leggett on **Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** It will be held at the **People's Community Baptist Church located at 31 Norwood Road in Silver Spring.** Topics include current legislative issues and disparities affecting minority families and what can be done about them. For more information or to RSVP email ncnwforum@gmail.com



SPANISH TAUGHT IN EAST COUNTY!

Spanish I, Part I, a Montgomery College continuing education course, got off to a great start at the **Eastern Montgomery Regional Center** with 15 students attending. The class meets on **Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30** and plans are to continue with graduating levels each semester. For questions or additional information call Ms. Price, WD&CE Program Director at **240-567-5515.**

Job Search Assistance Workshops—

Throughout January and February workshops were held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center to assist job seekers in their search for employment. They were presented by Marvin Adams, Certified Career Coach, Consultant and Instructor with over 20 years experience in career development. After the overwhelming response of need for this 4 session workshop series concluded in January, it was decided to repeat it in February. Due to the continued strong turnout, Marvin Adams will repeat the topics again in the upcoming months.

Delegate Herman L. Taylor, Jr.
Chair of the LBCM Economic Development Committee

cordially invites you to attend

**MBE Night in
Annapolis**

A legislative briefing on contract opportunities

Monday, March 16, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Joint Hearing Room
Legislative Services Building
90 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The briefing will be followed by an open invitation to watch the legislators in session at 8:00 p.m.

For more information or to R.S.V.P contact Lindsey Frazer at 301-858-3380 or dist14.mc@gmail.com



FREE ESOL CLASSES Beginner and Intermediate **ESOL classes** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for adults continue to be open to new students and meet on **Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm through May**. Classes are held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and are open to all wanting to learn English. All classes are **free of charge**, however a \$10 refundable deposit and \$20 book fee are required. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400. Classes are provided by the Chinese Culture and Community Center.

EVENTS HELD....

Apartment Managers Luncheon: Twenty east county apartment managers gathered to acquire information and relay concerns in a meeting with county and community representatives on February 19th. The annual meeting provides the opportunity for enhanced relations between apartment managers and county government. Captain Don Johnson, 3rd District Police Commander, explained police procedures and priority typing in responding to crime reports. He shared that the current priority for this district is to reduce street robberies, typically committed by teens age 15-19 years old. Sgt. William Budzenski from the Sheriff's Office discussed how "failure to pay" evictions to date this year (45,000) have already exceeded the 2008 total. Plans within the county's budget for upcoming street and sidewalk repair as well as new shelters at bus stops were addressed by Department of Transportation's Community Outreach Manager Tom Pogue. Also representing their organizations were Les Kaplan from the Housing Opportunities Commission and Dave Bouchard from B. F. Saul Property Management. The meeting concluded with input from apartment managers regarding areas they would like to see improved.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY- APRIL 2009

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center supports and celebrates **Earth Day** throughout the month of April. Volunteers can make a difference by participating in projects with parks, nonprofit agencies, community groups, local government, or in your neighborhood! Take this opportunity to serve with your school, family, neighbors, businesses and/or friends to give back to the community while helping the environment at the same time.

Find an Existing Earth Day Project in April—Begin by learning what's already being planned throughout the County: Check the Volunteer Center website at www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Volunteer to view the latest listing of planned events and to look for contacts and organizers in your area. Check back regularly as this list can change daily.

Plan Your Own Project. -Is your PTA planning a school beautification project in April? Is your civic association coordinating a neighborhood cleanup? Go to the Earth Day page on our website to find the form to describe your project. We want to know what your group is doing, who you're serving, and how many volunteers will be participating on that day so we can recognize your efforts, www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Volunteer.

Find Out More - Earth Day Resources—The Montgomery County Volunteer Center has information on how to set up your own group/community project, along with tips on project planning. Visit www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Volunteer or contact the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240/777- 2600.

BABIES S.M.I.L.E WITH THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH PROGRAM—

Did you know Black women are **two times more likely** than white and Hispanic women to experience infant mortality in the first year of life, **three times more likely** to experience infant mortality as a result of low birth weight, SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), and maternal complications in pregnancy, and **four times more likely** to experience infant death related to cord and placental complications?

Black Babies S.M.I.L.E (Start More Infants Living Equally, - Healthy) helps address infant mortality in Montgomery County, MD, supporting and empowering Black mothers and others to build healthier families. Nurse case managers with experience in maternity and newborn nursing, provide confidential, one-to-one services to fully support the needs of the pregnant/parenting mother, including: *Referrals to Community Services, Nurse Case Management/Monthly Home Visitation, In Home HIV Testing, Breast Pump Loan Program, FREE Childbirth & Breastfeeding Education, Caring Connection Infant Loss Program, Health Education for Teens/Adults.*

To learn more, contact Nia Williams RN, MPH, Team Leader/Nurse Case Manager, (301) 421-5489, or Melanie Hunter, RN, Case Manager, (301) 421-5490, at the African American Health Program, located at 14015 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring.

Learn what's happening around...

Fairland Community Kids Festival & Silent Auction Is Coming!

The largest event of the year is coming! The Fairland Community Kids Festival & Silent Auction is only a few short months away! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 19, 2009**, when the huge, fantastic festival will take place, along with a silent auction featuring a wide array of fabulous items that will be awaiting your bid. Seeking donations of brand new, small, unopened toys (e.g., Happy Meal toys, new bouncy balls, new trinkets, new packs of crayons, etc.) to be used at the Prize Wheel Table at the 2009 Fairland Community Kids Festival & Silent Auction, scheduled for **Sunday, April 19, 2009, from 12:00-5:00 p.m.** If you can make a donation, please bring it to the Main Office at school or send it in with your child marked "Silent Auction." Additionally, they are also seeking individuals to fill the following volunteer positions:

► **Clown** ► **Face Painter** ► **Photographer** ► **Videographer**

MCPS high school students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours by volunteering at this huge event. Please complete the online Volunteer Registration Form: <http://fairlandes.mcpsprimetime.org/sac/addNewVolunteer.php>



Medical Assistance for Families: Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Benefits include doctor visits, visits with specialists, hospital stays and other services, low-cost or free prescriptions. Eligibility depends on family size and income. The income limit is about \$20,500 annually for a family of three. Call 1-800-456-8900 to have an application sent to you or contact your Local Health Department or Local Department of Social Services and fill out an application.

Swing into Spring—The Springbrook High School Instrumental Music Department will present "**Swing into Spring**" on **Saturday, March 7, 2009**. This dinner dance includes a candlelight homemade dinner, free swing dance lessons, and a silent auction to benefit the music program. The big band jazz and swing music will be performed by the Springbrook High School Jazz Band. Students from the band have played in the Montgomery County Jazz Band and the Maryland All-State Jazz Band. Springbrook is a Grammy Signature School Gibson Grant awardee and one of their students has been selected for the Grammy Awards Jazz Ensemble.

All community members are welcome to attend their 8th annual dinner dance, being held from **7 to 10 pm at Springbrook High School, 2001 Valley Brook Drive, in Silver Spring**. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors age 65 and over and students, and \$12.50 for ages 10 and under. For more information or to purchase tickets please call 301-717-7480 or send an e-mail to mharris4858@yahoo.com.

Grant Management Workshop in Washington, DC April 23-24, 2009

Learn how to stay in compliance with grant management regulations and laws by attending Grant Writing USA's **two-day Grant Management Workshop** presented in partnership with the **Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, April 23-24, 2009**.

This workshop is applicable to government grant recipients including city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofit organizations, K-12, colleges and universities. Federal pass-through grant managers and staff are also encouraged to attend.

Purchase orders, checks and cards are welcome. Multi-enrollment discounts are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary. Tuition is \$595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 450-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

For more information including venue location and maps, graduate testimonials and instant, online enrollment, please visit <http://grantwritingusa.com/events/manage/mwcog0409m.html>

More than 10,000 agencies across America turn to Grant Writing USA for grant writing, grant management and grant research training.

Contact:

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Neighborhood Beautification

Grants Available: The Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) program is reviewing [grant applications](#) to fund beautification projects that help improve the appearance of communities throughout Montgomery County. KMCB also reviews grant applications in the fall. The grants are available on a competitive basis to any non-profit community association. The grant program has existed for 21 years, and is administered by MCDOT. Since 2000, KMCB has helped 60 communities fund beautification projects by paying 50 percent of the total cost, up to \$500. Grants must be used for new projects on common areas that improve community aesthetics and protect the environment. Construction projects, general maintenance, and projects that have already been completed do not qualify. To apply for a beautification grant, or for information on how you can become a member of the Task Force, contact Montgomery County Department of Transportation Community Outreach Program at 240-777-7155 or by [email](#).

Career and Leadership Program for Rising High School Seniors:

Applications are now being accepted from rising MCPS seniors for the Superintendent's Leadership Program, a year long honors career and leadership development program. **The application deadline is March 15.**

Students accepted to the program will receive two honors credits for participation. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership, maturity and the ability to learn outside the classroom. Please review the Superintendent's Leadership Program web site has more information.

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/leadership

For additional info, go to

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/2009Announcement.pdf>

The Montgomery County Stroke Association (MCSA): is a non-profit (501-c-3) charitable organization operated by and for stroke survivors and their families/caregivers. MCSA is dedicated to letting local stroke survivors and their family members/caregivers know that they are not alone in dealing with life after stroke. Monthly chapter meetings are free and open to the public. To review Programs being offered in March 2009, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/MCSAInformation.pdf>

Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866
Tel 240-773-9460. To review the Marilyn J. Praisner Library's upcoming events and

other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at:

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

Preschool Storytime. Ages 2-5. **Every Thursday at 10:15. March 5,12,19,26.** Come and join us for stories, songs and finger plays.

Cuddle-ups. Ages 6 to 23 months. **2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:15. March 10, 24.** Join us for simple stories, songs and rhymes.

Bilingual Chinese/English Storytime. Families invited. **March 28th at 10:15.** Join us for stories, songs, rhymes & crafts in Chinese & English.

No registration is required for the programs listed above.

To review the White Oak Library's upcoming events and other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. *To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706*

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to
http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp

To subscribe to our East County Newsletter, Programs & Events, go to :

<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>



Earned Income Credit—Take the money. To learn more, go to

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/EIC001.pdf>

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Residents are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:15pm

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

Meetings are open to the Public!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION OFFERED BY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS—for Middle and Low Income Montgomery County Citizens. Call 240-777-2577 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm Mon-Fri for an appointment.

Wonderful Opportunities for Women—We are once again preparing for the Wonderful Opportunities for Women (WOW) “Shopping Spree” to be held in May. This annual program is designed to assist women who are seeking to re-enter the workforce by providing them with professional attire.

Your help is needed! Spring is almost here and your unwanted spring/summer clothing can be someone's good fortune. Please inventory your wardrobe and bring us your contribution of pre-hung clean, professional spring/summer suits and blouses. We are also in need of accessories such as shoes, purses, and jewelry. Your participation in making this event an inspiring experience for many women is greatly appreciated. Clothing may be dropped off at the Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. (Prior arrangements are not needed.) **Call 240-777-8400 for more information.**



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FREE Compost Bins

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm

Civil Rights Historic Bus Tour : Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, Public Libraries, Office of Community Partnership and African American Employees Association is sponsoring a Civil Rights Historic Bus Tour from **April 6th until 11th 2009**. For details, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/CivilRightsTour.pdf>